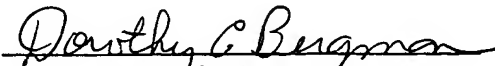


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MOWER FOR USE ON SLOPING TERRAIN

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A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action indicated as mailed 05/25/2004.

A petition for Extension for Response within the second month with the appropriate fee is transmitted herewith.

Claims 1 and 3-10 remain in the Application, Claim 2 having been cancelled herein.

It is requested that this matter be reconsidered and examination continued in the light hereof pursuant to 37 CFR §1.112, TMEP §706.